RAJYA SABHA

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The House met at eleven of the clock, **Mr. Chairman** in the Chair.

श्री सतीशचन्द्र सीताराम प्रधान: सभापति महोदय, मैं एक छोटा-सा निवेदन करना चाहता हूं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: After the Question Hour.

श्री सतीशचन्द्र सीताराम प्रधान: सभापति महोदय, मैं एक मिनट से ज्यादा समय नहीं लूंगा। महोदय, इस सदन में हमने शिव सेना प्रमुख श्री बाला साहब ठाकरे की सुरक्षा का विषय उठाया था। इस विषय में हमने आदरणीय गृह मंत्री जी से बात की थी और दोनों सदनों के सदस्यों सहित आदरणीय प्रधान मंत्री जी से भी बात की थी। फिर भी अभी तक इस विषय में कुछ भी नहीं हो रहा है। इसीलिए सरकार का ध्यान इस विषय की ओर आकर्षित करने के लिए आज हम शिव सेना के सभी सदस्य सदन त्याग कर रहे हैं।

(तत्पश्चात् कुछ माननीय सदस्य सदन से उठकर चले गए)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Involvement of State Governments in Exports

*241. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to involve State Governments in boosting exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian export is expected to get a boost as a result of involvement of State Governments; and

(d) if so, in what way the State Government would benefit from the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) It is the policy of the Central Government to seek greater

participation of States in export promotion by way of provision of adequate and quality infrastructure, relief from imposts and removal of procedural constraints.

20 Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIPs) have been set up in different States all over the country and Rs. 152.26 crores have been released so far for the approved EPIPs. Under the Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme, Rs. 136.05 crores have been sanctioned so far for a total number of 67 projects/ works aimed at strengthening and removal of infrastructure bottlenecks in exports.

(c) and (d) Measures taken in consultation and cooperation with the State Governments, will contribute to enhanced exports and generation of additional incomes and employment in the States and also strengthen their economic base.

DR. MOHAN BABU: Sir, I am satisfied with the answer given by the hon. Minister.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, the hon. Minister has said that the Centre has released Rs. 152.26 crores for the approved EPIPs. He has also said that Rs. 136.05 crores have been released for a total number of 67 projects sanctioned under the Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme. I would like to know specifically, how many projects have been sanctioned for Rajasthan under the two schemes, and what is the Centre's plan to sanction projects in the next two or three years.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Regarding EPIPs, 20 projects have been sanctioned. One project has been sanctioned for Rajasthan. It is in Sitapura. The date of approval is 28.9.1994. The cost of the project is Rs. 47.17 crores and the grant released so far is Rs. 10 crores.

श्री राघवजी: सभापति महोदय, माननीय मंत्री जी ने कहा है कि 20 एक्सपोर्ट प्रमोशन इंडस्ट्रियल पार्क पूरे देश में बनाने की स्थिति बन गई है। तो मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि ये 20 इंडस्ट्रियल पार्क किन-किन स्थानों पर बने हैं और जो 67 प्रोजेक्ट्स हैं, उनमें मध्य प्रदेश का कोई प्रोजेक्ट है या नहीं?

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Sir, 20 projects have been set up all over the country, under the EPIPs. For building and maintaining industrial parks with excellent infrastructure to house the export oriented units, the EPIPs are built. Every unit should normally devote one-third of the production for exports. The

ceiling is about Rs. 10 crores or 75 per cent, whichever is less. We are giving relaxation in the case of North-Eastern States and Kashmir.

The hon. Member had asked about Madhya Pradesh. He had asked, out of the 20 parks and 67 projects, how many are in Madhya Pradesh.

Sir, I may inform the hon. Member that out of the total number of EPIPs, there is only one in Kerala, one in Maharashtra, one in Himachal Pradesh, one in Rajasthan, one in Haryana, one in Karnataka, one in UP, one in Tamil Nadu, one in Andhra Pradesh, one in Gujarat, one in Bihar, one in Meghalaya, one in West Bengal, one in Orissa, one in Punjab, one in Assam, one in Jammu and Kashmir, one in Madhya Pradesh, one in Manipur and one in Nagaland. So, far we have spent about Rs. 249.65 crores. If the States complete these assignments in the first phase of the EPIPs, they can apply again and the Centre would release the remaining amount.

SHRI RAGHAVJI: Out of 67 projects, how many projects are in Madhya Pradesh?

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Which 67 projects? ...(*Interruptions*)... Which 67 projects? I cannot say.

SHRI RAGHAVJI: It is in your reply. This is under the Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Under the Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme, do you want to know about Madhya Pradesh?

SHRI RAGHAVJI: Yes.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: In respect of Madhya Pradesh, for strengthening the road between Malankpur ICD and the railway station, in 1997-98, we have approved one programme. The total cost is Rs. 1 crore. The contribution from CIP is Rs. 75 lakhs. And it has been sanctioned by the Centre.

DR. M.N. DAS: May I know from the hon. Minister whether there is any monitoring mechanism or agency to oversee as to how the States are utilising the funds? If that kind of supervision is not conducted by the Centre, then, there would be usual bureaucratic bottlenecks. Further more, every State has the potential to manufacture goods indigenously. Unless the market is explored both in the Western and Eastern hemisphere by the Centre, such projects would not earn foreign exchange.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: I agree with the hon. Member. In the Ministry of Commerce, there is a State cell which is exclusively functioning, to interact with the State Governments. We are monitoring.

SHRI S.R. BOMMAI: Sir, in the written reply, under item (iv), it has been said, "To initiate the process of divestment of following non-core assets.." Here, the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant, Bhadravati figures. It is the oldest steel plant started by late Sir Visvesvaraya. It was handed over to SAIL with all the assets and with all the conditions put forth by the Central Government and by SAIL; Karnataka Government accepted it. I want to know the details....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Under which Question you are putting your supplementary?

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: We are discussing Q. No. 241.

SHRI S.R. BOMMAI: I am sorry. I thought that we have taken up Q. No. 242.

श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत: सभापति महोदय, यह जो एक्सपोर्ट प्रमोशन इंडस्ट्रियल पार्क्स की बात माननीय मंत्री जी ने कही है, मैं एक पूरक प्रश्न के द्वारा यह जानना चाहता हूं कि राजस्थान में जहां सर्वाधिक मार्बल के एक्सपोर्ट की मंड़ी है या यों कहना चाहिए कि सर्वाधिक उत्पादन हमारे यहां से होता है, ज्वेलरी का एक्सपोर्ट हमारे यहां से होता है, इसके अलावा हमारे यहां जो गारमेंट है उसका भी सर्वाधिक एक्सपोर्ट होता है, तो आपने राजस्थान के अंदर जो पार्क्स बनाने की बात प्रारम्भ की है वहां पार्क्स का निर्माण हुआ है, तो मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि उसके ऊपर कुल मिलाकर कितना धन खर्च करना प्रस्तावित है, आपका टोटल प्रोजेक्ट कितने का होगा और अब तक सैंक्शन कितने की दी है और शेष राशि कब देंगे?

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Under the EPIPs, in Rajasthan, there is one district, Sitapura, near Jaipur. It was approved on 28-9 1994. The revised cost is about Rs. 47 crores. The Government has released Rs. 10 crores. So, it is going on.

*242. *[The Questioner (Shri Prem Chand Gupta) was absent. For answer vide page 28 infra.]*

Discussion with British Delegation on Trade

*243. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: